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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 6038

USCINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, KE, SO, ET
SUBJECT: SOMALI CHARGE' LASHES BACK AT ETHIOPIA

REF NAIROBI 5969

1. SOMALI CHARGE' IN NAIROBI, DAHIR HUSSEIN DIRIR, CALLED
PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 17 TO REBUTT ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADORS'
REMARKS REPORTED REFTEL. DIRIR CHARACTERIZED ETHIOPIAN
AMBASSADOR DESTA'S TOUGH LINE AS "INTENDED TO COVER THE
INTERNAL CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA."

2. ACCORDING PRESS ACCOUNT, DIRIR SAID SOMALIA "SUPPORTS
AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FIGHTING
FOR THEIR RIGHTS IN ETHIOPIA, "ADDING "WE GIVE MORAL AND
MATERIAL SUPPORT. WE DO THE SAME FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE." HE ALSO CLAIMED SOMALIA COULD
NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR EXISTENCE OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
IN ETHIOPIA AS "THEY ARE ALL FIGHTING AGAINST
COLONIALISM AND OPPRESSION OF THE ADDIS ABABA REGIME."
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3. COMMENT: SOMALI CHARGE'S STATEMENTS LEAVE NO DOUBT,
AT LEAST AS WE READ THEM HERE, ABOUT SOMALI GOVERNMENT'S
INTENTIONS TO PERSIST IN TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO OGADEN
AND TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION GROUPS THERE.
WOULD ADD THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH SOMALI DIPLOMAT
EVENING APRIL 17, LATTER TOLD POLOFF THAT OGADEN WAS

SOMALI TERRITORY AND THAT SOMALIS WOULD FIGHT FOR IT
"IF IT TOOK 100 OR 200 YEARS."
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